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1. IN SPEARATE DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY WITH DEPTFON-
AFF'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR KALONJI AND WITH TWO MEMBERS
OF ZAIRIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION (KABALA
AND MAMPUYA) I OUTLINED OUR CONCERNS OVER IMPLI-
CATIONS OF STEAMROLLER TACTICS DESCRIBED REFTEL
FOR FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS OF UN. THEY WERE POLITELY
ATTENTIVE BUT APPEARED UNCONVINCED. THEY EXPLAINED
THE SOLID LDC FRONT AT THE SPECIAL SESSION IN TERMS
OF A PRIOR AGREEMENT AT THE ALGIERS NAC WHICH THEY
SAID CONSTITUTED STRONG STIMULUS FOR VOTING WITH
"AUTOMATIC MAJORITY." THEY APPEARED ONLY VAGUELY
AWARE OF JUST HOW MUCH STEAMROLLER HAD WORKED IN AD
HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE; ON THE OTHER HAND THEY
KNEW THAT USDEL HAD NOT REQUESTED VOTE WHEN PLENARY
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TOOK UP TOW RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION, AND THEY

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THOUGHT THIS WAS WISE. THEY EVINCED ONLY PERFUNC-
TORY CONCERN OVER DANGER OF ALIENATING US PUBLIC
OPINION FROM SUPPORT FOR UN AND AID TO LDCS.

2. WHILE KALONJI CONFINED HIMSLEF TO ASKING A FEW
LEADING QUESTIONS AND TAKING NOTES, THE OTHER TWO
WERE MORE OUTSPOKEN. THEY SAW TWO POSSIBLE GAINS
FOR ZAIRE FROM SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION: A) ARAB OIL
PRODUCERS GOT THE LDC SHOW OF SOLIDARITY THEY WANTED,
AND CONSEQUENTLY INCURRED AN INCREASED OBLIGATION TO
DO SOMETHING FOR OTHER LDCS; B) ALTHOUGH DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES THAT EMERGED DID NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT
VIEWS OF ZAIRE ON SUCH ISSUES AS NATIONALIZATION,
THE EMBODIMENT OF THESE PRINCIPLES IN A MAJOR UN
STATEMENT WOULD PROVIDE LDCS, INCLUDING ZAIRE, WITH
SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FUTURE BILATERAL DEALINGS
WITH DCS INVOLVING THESE PRINCIPLES.

3. IN GENERAL THESE ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS SEEMED TO VIEW
SPECIAL SESSION AS A SYMBOLIC TRIUMPH FOR LDCS AND
A GOOD WILL GESTURE TOWARD ARAB OIL PRODUCERS.
THEY DID NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGE
TO UN. THEY WERE WAITING, ALTHOUGH WITH SOME
SKEPTICISM, TO SEE WHAT ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WOULD DO
TO REPAY OTHER LDCS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ANDREW

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